

The proposed measure, prepared and adopted by the Social Service Commission, was sent to the council with the request that it be enacted.

Requiring that written permission must first be obtained before solicitations for charity funds may be begun, the proposed ordinance provides that individual solicitors must show identification cards and that promoters of charity drives must obtain a license as such, good for only a year at a time.

The method of soliciting contributions in the name of charity over the telephone, commonly used by professional campaigners, would be strictly forbidden.

Permits to solicit funds for charity's sake would be granted only by the Department of Social Service.

Applications for permits would be accompanied by a \$1 filing fee and full information about the organization and purpose of the solicitation. An estimated budget and financial statement of the organization would be required.

Copies of agreements between soliciting organizations and promoters would have to be submitted to the department before a permit was issued.

While individual solicitors would be required to have identification cards, this requirement might be waived where there were more than twenty-five solicitors working without pay. However, publicity about the solicitation must inform the public of the purpose of the drive.

Permits may be revoked or suspended if material misstatements have been made in the application—Los Angeles *Herald-Express*.

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County Charity Budget Is Set at \$32,794,416

The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County has fixed the preliminary budget for the county Department of Charities, exclusive of institutions, at \$32,794,416 for the fiscal year 1938-1939, an increase of \$6,354,339 over the 1937-1938 budget of \$26,440,077.

The preliminary budget is to be considered at public hearings, after which it may again be revised by the supervisors.

Of the new budget, however, only \$12,735,228 will be raised by taxation as compared with \$13,081,945 this year. This is because of State contributions and refunds in aid to the aged, indigent children and blind. The Legislature at its recent special session appropriated \$6,000,000 in addition to regular contributions for the various counties, and of this amount Los Angeles County will receive \$2,013,283.

Other Requests

The supervisors have not yet taken up the requests of Rex Thomson, superintendent of charities, for the county institutions such as the General Hospital, Olive View Sanatorium and the county farm. These requests total \$9,050,000.

The county will also receive state and federal aid for the institutions but the amounts have not yet been broken down.

The allowances for the department as fixed today, exclusive of the institutions, and the allowances last year are as follows:

	1938-39	1937-38
Aged aid	\$20,532,000	\$15,850,000
Direct relief	4,883,000	4,531,604
Bureau of indigent relief.....	2,232,660	1,886,097
Child aid	2,177,950	1,605,688
Blind aid	1,695,242	1,406,620
Administration	1,273,564	1,160,068
Totals.....	\$32,794,416	\$26,440,077

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Hospital Plan Declared Legal

Opinion Given on Leasing Proposal for Olive View

A proposal of private parties to construct a 940-bed hospital on the grounds of Olive View Sanatorium and to accept rentals from the county financed by State tuberculosis subsidies, is legal, according to an opinion on file with the supervisors.

County Counsel O'Connor said the fact that the buildings would be leased and not owned by the county will not jeopardize State subsidies.

Rentals would be paid by the county at an average cost of \$8,227.50 per month for three hundred months, and would total \$2,468,250 over twenty-five years, if the plan is approved.

Superintendent of Charities Thomson estimates that the county would receive about \$130,000 additional in State subsidies if the new facilities are provided.

Reduction in gross cost per patient per day from \$3.67 in 1930-31 to \$2.75 last fiscal year, and an increase of 248 patients in three years for a total of 1,731, were shown in the annual report of Olive View Sanatorium just released.

LETTERS

Concerning film narrative, "Men of Medicine: 1938."*

To the Editor:—At the opening session of the American Medical Association convention in San Francisco on June 12, the delegates will attend a preview of "Men of Medicine: 1938," a twenty-minute March of Time film narrative on medical science's immeasurable contribution to American life. Immediately thereafter it will be released to 11,374 theaters throughout the world, and will be seen by an estimated United States audience of 24,000,000 people.

This is the first authentic motion picture for theatrical distribution produced with the unrestricted cooperation of the American Medical Association, the United States Public Health Service, and the medical departments of the United States Army and Navy. Already those doctors who have seen the picture in our projection room have been unanimous in their praise and approval not only of the picture's accuracy but of its potential value in bringing essential medical knowledge to the public.

No film before has told the story of the sixty-nine great medical schools of the United States, the ten years of training which each doctor must undergo at a cost of nearly \$15,000, the fact that United States doctors, in a time of depression, are today contributing \$1,000,000 daily in free clinical services for the poor and distressed.

Coming at a time when actually 40,000 or more American doctors earn less than \$2,000 annually, when new plans for cooperative medicine, group hospitalization, health and old-age insurance and government aid are discussed on every hand, this important record of the practice of medicine, ranging from the duties of the small-town country doctor to great laboratories of internationally known institutions, constitutes not only an important document of medical progress but an informative and educational record which every layman should see.

I truly hope that unless you are present at the San Francisco preview, you yourself will see it in your local theater and will feel as we do that it is a document of such value that every effort should be made to assure the widest possible public audience. We would be happy indeed to cooperate in any plans which you could suggest in your own field of activity, and hope that we shall hear from you in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS DE ROCHEMONT,
Producer and Publisher.

Concerning educational leaflet on syphilis.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
WASHINGTON

To the Editor:—Foremost among the problems which face the physician in his treatment of syphilis is that of keeping the patient in treatment. When skin lesions disappear and the patient "feels fine" he is apt to disregard the doctor's advice and lapse.

The first line of defense against such lapses is education. When the patient thoroughly understands his disease—as the diabetic is taught the idiosyncrasies of his diet—he may be more often counted upon to continue through that long course of seventy injections recommended by the Coöperative Clinical Group.

The little folder which we enclose was prepared with the physician's problem in mind.

It is clear. We tried it on patients at a city clinic, on a workers' education group, on a grade-school age group, on college students. We revised it until it answered their questions in a way they would understand. Then we added the pictures to help drive home the story.

It is inexpensive. It may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents in Washington, D. C., for \$1 per 100 copies. In smaller quantities, five cents each. But give

* See also item in News department, under Press Clippings, on page 95; and item on page 3.